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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yoshihiro Satoh

Serial No.: 10/642,667

Group Art Unit: 2822

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Examiner: Christy L. Novacek

For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A  
TAPERED-MESA SIDE-WALL FILM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-11, 13-15, and 17-29 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 17, and 23 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 12 and 16 are canceled. Claims 1, 6, and 11 are independent.